

AMHERST CONSERVATION COMMISSION
February 13, 2011 Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by Chair John Harvey at 7:03

Attendance: John Harvey, Bill Wichman, Rich Hart, Anne Krantz, Jack Gleason, Alternate Bruce Beckley, Selectman Dwight Brew. Bruce assigned to vote for Jim

Minutes for January - not available

Treasurer – Bill

Land account - the annual \$50,000 for the Joppa Land has been deducted

\$ 280,320.00

Gift 9,232.78

Trail fund donations 210.06 (this is NOT the trail grant from the state)

Budget \$ 980.83

Approved

Planning Board – Rich No meetings due to Deliberative Sessions

Dredge & Fill & Notices

Intent to cut by Riccitelli at 83 Amherst St., Lot 3-75. 60,000 board feet of white pine – 150 tons of tree chips.

Heritage Commission: Will Ludt and Mary Mahar

Presented findings of the recently completed Amherst Historical Resources Survey of all structures over 50 years old located outside the Village. This was done according to the NH Dept of Historic Resources guidelines with a National Park Service Grant that paid for the consultant. 350 resources were documented in the final report. The Heritage Commission is writing a Demolition Delay/Notification Ordinance for Amherst to help protect these resources as a way of maintaining the rural character of the town. A copy of the CD report with photos given to Rich to have at Planning Board.

TOPICS

Fortier, Lot 6-100 Baboosic Lake Rd.

Water Resources Management Plan presented by Dawn Tumola, Monodonck Survey
The owner wants to subdivide the 12 acre parcel into 2 lots. There is a noncompliance trailer on the property now. There are two wetland areas with 100 buffers, and some of the land is within the Meeting Place Community Well-head Protection Area for Amherst. Discussion – Bruce asked whether there has been a hazardous waste study. At this point just a ‘walk-around’ no barrels found.

WRMP – a ‘sock’ was proposed along the edge of the proposed drive to the rear house to infiltrate the drive run-off. The Commission had no issues with the preliminary WRMP for the road as presented. Once the houses have been located another WRMP will be required if within the buffer areas.

Joppa Hill Farm Trailhead Upgrade

Guests – 6 members of the Pulpit Brook Homeowners Association

ACC is proposing to create 2-3 parking spaces in the Town owned triangle at the junction of Horace Greeley Rd and the Class 6 Rd. John and Bruce presented this idea at a recent

Pulpit Brook Homeowners meeting. Frank Stama enumerated concerns of the Homeowner's Assn:

- * The safety of parking along the edge of Horace Greeley – curve in the road and the high speeds of traffic.

- * Concern about more vehicular traffic on the Class 6 Rd – ATV's are an increasing problem. They want a gate at the end of the road.

Bruce moved that the Trail Grant Funds be used for a survey of the property to show all road bounds, and proposed parking, according to Town highway standards, and possible location for a gate. Discussion. Homeowner – who builds and maintains the parking – ACC will work with the Town Highway Dept.

Approved unanimously – Bruce will follow-up.

ACC Policy on Off-Road Motorized & Non-motorized Vehicles

Discussion of draft the John sent. Decided to prohibit snowmobiles on all trail except for those on List A, and to prohibit all mountain bike except as listed on List B. John will revise and e-mail the final wording.

Discussion of Class 6 Roads

Bruce quoted an RSA that says that there is No right for OHRVs to use Class 6 roads, but that the Selectmen may 'allow use' after a public hearing. John has a list of Amherst Class 6 roads that he will send.

Meadows – Jack

Steve Blaise said he would pay ACC \$750 for the wood ash fertilizer applied last fall. He is considering the 'No-till' concept for revitalizing the lower part of the Bragdon North field that was damaged by European chaffer a few years ago. Jack is working with George Hamilton to research and evaluate this method.

Milford Trail Expo, April 9

Bill will print out form and pay the \$50 fee to participate. Need members to man booth – Rich will check his schedule.

Articles 34 & 35 - Need the language for the Voter's Guide – Bruce will write and send to Gary. Dwight gave a brief report on the Deliberative Session and explained the legal problem with Amherst's Current Use Land Fund; the other 50% of the change-of-use collections. This is not the RSA authorized Conservation Commission Land Fund.

Round Table

Rich – suggested that ACC post information at our trail kiosks about protection and precautions when hiking to avoid ticks.

Jack – called about bad behavior on the B&M Trail by an abutter

Anne – need for more Walk Books at PMEC – she will follow up

Bill – installed 5 new 'You are Here' trail signs and has about 15 to go

Bruce – asked Rich about implementing the MP and gave him a Audit Plan from the NH Fish & Game Wildlife Action Plan

Rich – has been seeing a barred owl – BIG!

Respectfully submitted, Anne Krantz, secretary